

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7, 9, 11-13 are pending and under examination while claims 14-23 were withdrawn as directed at non-elected inventions. Applicants hereby cancel the non-elected claims 14-23. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims 1-7, 9 and 11-13 in view of the following arguments.

Applicants first submit that the claims 9 and 11-13 appear to be free from any rejection and therefore should have been marked as allowed.

The only issue remaining is the non-statutory double patenting rejection of claims 1-8. In response, Applicants respectfully submit that US Patent Application No. 11/344,783 and US Patent Nos 7,521,544, 7,553,942 and 7,667,011 are commonly owned with this application. A terminal disclaimer for each of these application and patents, respectively, is submitted herewith, overcoming these rejections.

Applicants assert that the claims are in allowable form and earnestly solicit the allowance of claims 1-7, 9 and 11-13.

Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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